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Letter from the President



As we cheer our Eagles on to victory in Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball, we must also realize that these same student athletes are working hard in the classroom. Our cheers are necessary to support them in all phases of their lives, and cheering our students to victory in the classroom is no exception.

An Avila education is dedicated to enriching the mind, body, and spirit of our students. I encourage you to take an interest in our student athletes when they are off of the field, too. Their hard work and dedication is evidenced by our impressive tradition of MCAC Scholar-Athletes on page 21 of this guide, and NAIA All Americans on page 6.

As an institution, we strive to promote a "Commitment to the continual growth of the whole person" as one of our Avila Community Values. I am reminded, each time I see our athletes on the field and on the court, of that promise in action. Our athletes are growing strong — in mind and body — through their athletic participation.

Thank you for supporting our athletic programs. Your continued support means a great deal to the athletic program and to our student athletes.

Sincerely,

Dr. Larry Kramer
President

Letter from the Dean



Welcome to the thrill of Avila College Athletics.

We are pleased to offer student-athletes not only an opportunity to receive an outstanding education, but to participate in a dynamic, competitive athletic program as part of their educational experience.

Intercollegiate sports programs are an integral part of the educational offerings of the college, and athletic administrators and coaches are selected primarily for their role as educators. We also value the spirit of community for the campus to which athletics contribute, and the fellowship and sharing for those of us in bleachers and on the sidelines.

Avila is proud to be a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), an organization dedicated to wholesome competitive sports in small colleges across the nation. That dedication to athletics as a part of the educational experience is continued in our membership in the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC).

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Go Eagles!

Thomas R. Lease
Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs



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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



Avila College Athletic Department Administration 1997-98

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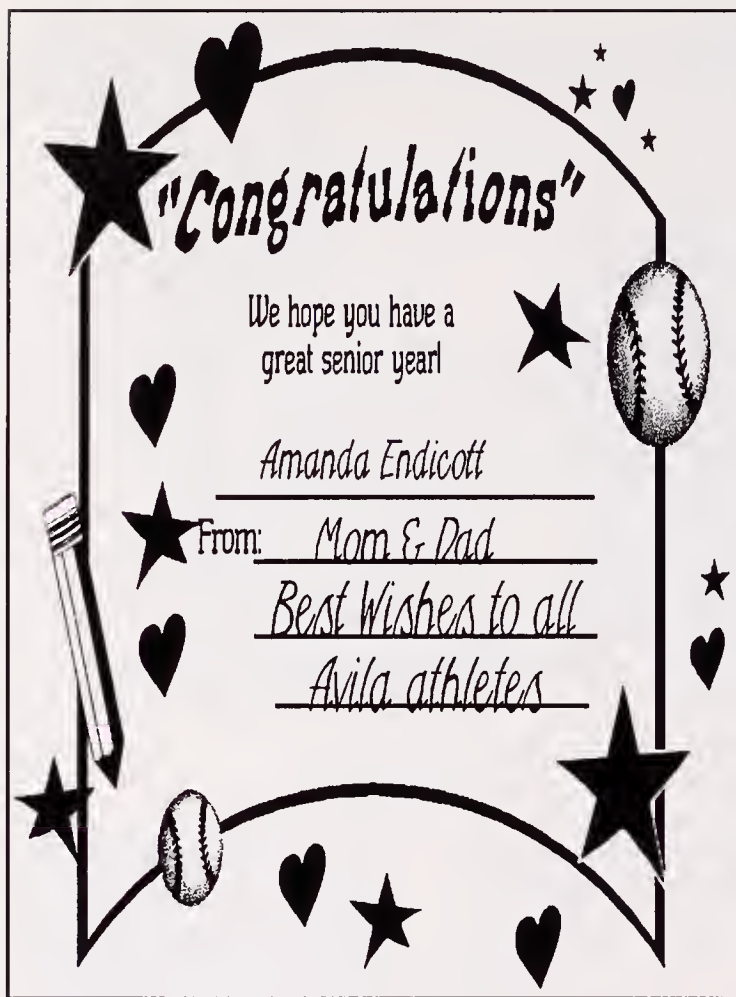
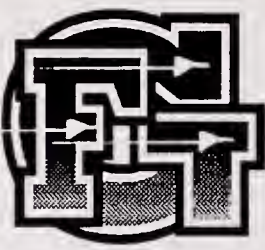
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ATHLETIC HISTORY

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1969 — Avila becomes fully coeducational, admitting male students on a full-time basis.

1972 — Avila alumni organize their first major Homecoming activity. Male students live on campus for the first time.

1974 — The college launches a men's basketball program led by Bill Waris.

1975 — Avila introduces intercollegiate, intramural, and recreational sports programs. A recreation field is built, and parking lots expanded.

1977 — Men's soccer is started with 17 freshmen and two transfer students. They reach district playoffs coached by Chris Cannanza.

1978 — The Mabee Foundation offers Avila a \$500,000 challenge grant for construction of a new fieldhouse.

1980 — The Mabee Fieldhouse construction completed.

1982 — Avila's soccer team advances to the NAIA Area IV championship and finishes fourth in the country. Bill Waris, Jackson County executive and former men's basketball coach, is the first person to be inducted into the Avila Athletic Hall of Fame.

1984 — The Alumni Association sponsors the first Avila College Golf Classic.

1985 — The college begins an eight-month presidential search when Sister Olive Louise Dallavis leaves the presidency to work in the Advancement Office as President Emerita.

Dr. Larry Kramer takes the post on November 1, becoming the College's first lay president. Scott Royal-Ferris is named Athletic Director and Head Men's Soccer Coach.

1986 — The evaluation team for the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools extends Avila's accreditation amid glowing remarks about the college's "hard working faculty ... effective presidential leadership ... faculty committed to give extensively of their time and energy."



1989 — Women's softball and men's baseball are added to the athletic programs. Joan Ice (softball) and Dave Klein (baseball) are hired as the first coaches of their respective programs.

1990 — By popular vote, "Eagles" replaces "Avalanche" as the official school mascot. A new college logo is unveiled and wins a national design award. Mark Tobin is hired to serve as athletic director and head coach for baseball while Dave Klein continues as an assistant coach.

1991 — The Thomas R. Zarda Athletic Complex is dedicated in honor of the successful area businessman and chairman of the Avila College Board of Trustees. The versatile sports area includes softball, soccer and baseball fields.

1992 — Carl Clapp is hired as Avila College's first full-time director of Athletics. Prior to Clapp's appointment, the director also maintained coaching responsibilities.

1994 — Women's soccer team formed and reaches district playoffs. The baseball team beats Rockhurst College in the District 16 championship gaining a berth in the Midwest Regional where they lose the championship game to St. Ambrose College. On, April 5, 1994 Avila College becomes a charter member of the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC). The women's volleyball team comes back from two sets down to defeat regular season champion Kansas Newman and

wins the first-ever MCAC tournament. The stunning victory earned the Eagles a berth in the NAIA Midwest Regional.

1995 — Dylan Aiman, Avila alum, is hired as head men's soccer coach. Coach Aiman, in his first year turns a 4-13 team in 1994, into a 10-9 playoff contending team.

1996 — Michael Crozier was named Athletic Director helping the athletic department sign a 5 year \$25,000 exclusive contract with Coca-Cola. Avila alumni Joe Schrick and Dennis Joyce were inducted into the Avila Athletic Hall of Fame.

SPORTSMANSHIP

It is the desire of Avila College that good sportsmanship be practiced by students, players, coaches, and fans. Therefore, such acts as throwing items on the playing surface, participation in vulgar cheers, participation in cheers against a referee, etc., will be considered foreign to Avila's desire to teach good sportsmanship.

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NAIA ALL-AMERICANS

George Mallon	Men's Basketball	1996-97
Mike Klein	Baseball	1996, 97
Gary Haarmann	Baseball	1994
Joe Simone	Baseball	1994
Dennis Hallblade	Men's Basketball	1991-92
Jon Park	Men's Soccer	1990
Charlie Keiper	Men's Soccer	1990
Mike Corrigan	Men's Soccer	1986-87
Chuck Otec	Men's Soccer	1986
Joe Schrick	Men's Soccer	1981-82
Mark Hatchett	Men's Basketball	1981-82
Craig Kasten	Men's Soccer	1981-82
Anthony Christian	Men's Soccer	1981
Dan Dailey	Men's Soccer	1980
Ken Schubert	Men's Soccer	1979

NAIA ALL-AMERICA SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Adam Holst	Baseball	1997
Katherine Koettker	Softball	1997
Rebecca Koettker	Softball	1997
Eric Greble	Men's Basketball	1996-97
Delaina Renfro	Women's Basketball	1996-97
Shonette Micco	Women's Soccer	1995, 96
Eric Greble	Men's Basketball	1995-96
Ben Kimminau	Men's Basketball	1995-96
Tracy Sloger	Women's Basketball	1995-96
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Craig Johnston	Men's Basketball	1994-96
Luana Cumpton	Women's Soccer	1994-95
Joe Gunderson	Baseball	1994
Gary Haarmann	Baseball	1994
Joe Simone	Baseball	1994
Stacy Street	Volleyball	1994
Ann Falstrom	Women's Basketball	1993-94
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Kester Marsh	Men's Soccer	1993
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Dan Dailey	Men's Soccer	1980
Ken Schubert	Men's Soccer	1979

NAIA MIDWEST REGION

Mike Klein	Baseball	1996	First Team
Gary Haarmann	Baseball	1994, 95	First Team
Brandie Haarmann	Volleyball	1994	Second Team
Joe Simone	Baseball	1994	First Team
Craig Johnston	Men's Basketball	1993-94	First Team

All District 16

Kevin Brown	Men's Soccer	1993	Second Team
Charlie Kieper	Men's Soccer	1993	Second Team
Keith Harris	Men's Basketball	1993	First Team
Kevin Lowder	Men's Basketball	1993	First Team
Jennifer Hale	Softball	1993	First Team
Holly Shelby	Softball	1992-93	First Team

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VOLLEYBALL



Joyce Stokes
Head Coach

Joyce Stokes joins the Avila Volleyball team this season with many years of volleyball experience. She grew up in Pennsylvania and attended Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia where she played varsity volleyball, basketball, and tennis. She graduated with a B.S. in Health and Physical Education, and later earned a Masters in Education with an emphasis on Sports Administration from Wichita State University. Joyce is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Sports Psychology. Coach Stokes is a member of the Kansas Board of Officials and has been officiating at the Junior College, NAIA, and NCAA levels for 8 years. She has 8 years high school coaching experience in both Kansas and Virginia, and 4 years college coaching experience at Hesston College and Mary Baldwin College. Joyce has a daughter who is currently playing intercollegiate volleyball at Friends University; and a beautiful granddaughter.



Kerry Ewing
Assistant Coach

Kerry Ewing is new to the coaching staff this season but not to the volleyball program at Avila College. Kerry started her volleyball career at Raymore-Peculiar High school playing four years of high school ball. She then went on to play two years at Longview Community College, finishing her career at Avila. While playing for the Eagles, Kerry was a dominant force on the court. In 1996 she was named Most Valuable Player on the Eagles Volleyball team. After graduating from Avila, Kerry assisted the head coach at Longview before joining the Avila coaching staff. Kerry brings many years of experience, an intensity for the game, and a great deal of alumni pride.



Debbie Odom
Assistant Coach

Debbie joins the Avila coaching staff this year with a great deal of volleyball experience both as a player and a coach. She has played USVBA with marines, and has coached for the past five years at Heartland Academy, a private high school. Debbie has a degree in Business Administration that she received from Ottawa University. She and her husband Jim have three children, Jim, Jr., Greg, and Jonathan. Debbie brings many years of experience, a great deal of volleyball knowledge, and an intense love for the game to the Avila Volleyball Program.

SEASON OUTLOOK

The Avila Athletic Department is very excited about the experience Joyce Stokes and her assistants bring to the Eagles Volleyball Program. Coach Stokes is very optimistic about the 1997 season. Coach Stokes says she has the talent to have a winning season and she will be working on different individual's strengths to bring out their best. Joyce believes the team's experience, desire to win, and high expectations will be their strengths in the 1997 season. Coach Stokes and her assistants feel the keys to success are to be team oriented, to work on individual improvement, and to strive for the best you can be. The team returned for pre-season physically fit, mentally prepared, and most importantly: focused. The coaching staff and the players are looking forward to a very exciting volleyball season.

VOLLEYBALL

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Michelle Meyer
Middle
Mora, MO

Michelle came to the Lady Eagles from Cole Camp High School. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in sociology. Meyer is entering her second year as one of the main components in the Eagles attack. As a prep star at Cole Camp, Meyer made All-Conference and First Team All-District. The team will be relying on Michelle's experience on and off the floor. Michelle is the daughter of John Meyer who resides in Mora, MO.

Avila College 1997 Women's Volleyball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Tue.	9/2/97	Nebraska Wesleyan University	HOME	7:00p.m.
Tue.	9/9/97	Westminster College	Fulton, MO	7:00p.m.
Fri./Sat	9/12-13/97	Park College Tournament	Parkville, MO	TBA
Thurs.	9/18/97	Mid-America Nazarene College	HOME	6:00p.m.
Fri.	9/19/97	Kansas Newman College	HOME	7:00p.m.
Sat.	9/20/97	York College	HOME	1:00p.m.
Fri.	9/26/97	College of the Ozarks	Point Lookout, MO	7:00p.m.
Sat.	9/27/97	Bartlesville Wesleyan College	Bartlesville, OK	2:00p.m.
Fri.	10/3/97	Bellevue University	HOME	7:00p.m.
		(Homecoming Weekend)		
Sat.	10/4/97	College of Saint Mary	HOME	1:00p.m.
		(Homecoming Weekend)		
Fri.	10/10/97	Kansas Newman College	Wichita, KS	7:00p.m.
Sat.	10/11/97	York College	York, NE	3:00p.m.
Tue.	10/14/97	Saint Mary College	Leavenworth, KS	7:00p.m.
Fri./Sat.	10/17-18/97	Avila Invitational Tournament	HOME	TBA
Fri.	10/24/97	College of the Ozarks	HOME	7:00p.m.
Sat.	10/25/97	Bartlesville Wesleyan College	HOME	2:00p.m.
Tue.	11/4/97	Saint Mary College	HOME	7:00p.m.
Fri.	11/7/97	Bellevue University	Bellevue, NE	7:00p.m.
Sat.	11/8/97	College of Saint Mary	Omaha, NE	TBA
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Avila College Volleyball 1997

Top Row: (From Left) Amy Hamm, Robin Enyeart, Jessica Pankey

Middle Row: (From Left) Katie Gardner, Debra Hodges, Michelle Meyer, Monica Barnes, Jennifer Lujin, Mary Von Bohland

Front Row: (From Left) Ann Thomas, Alycia Bell, Kaleen Marsh, Sandy Samborsky, Kim Balmer, Christi Jones

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Sandy Samborsky
Setter
El Dorado Hills, CA

Sandy returns to the Eagles for her second and final season. She will be working on completing her degree in Respiratory Therapy. Sandy was an integral part of keeping the spirits and morale of the team up last year. Her teammates recognized her leadership by giving her the "Most Inspirational" and the "Eagle" Awards last year. Sandy will be counted on to provide leadership and experience for this year's team. Sandy is the daughter of Ronald and Nancy Samborsky.

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MEN'S SOCCER



Dylan Aiman
Head Coach

Coach Aiman will see the start of his third season as Avila's head coach, having finished last season at the 10-5-2 mark. While a student-athlete at Avila College, he earned a bachelor of arts degree in natural sciences, and position as team captain of the men's soccer team his senior year. In 1987, Aiman and his brother Alex played on the District 16 championship team. The following year, Aiman was named first team All-District and held Avila's leading scorer position. During his playing career at Avila, Coach Aiman was named to All-District, All-Area, and All-American teams. Graduating from Avila in 1991, Aiman taught biology and coached boy's soccer at Park Hill High School. His coaching record at Park Hill was 68-18-9, with a second place finish in the 1993-94 state final championship. Coach Aiman is again excited about the possibilities for this year's team and firmly believes that the men's soccer program is on its way to regaining national prominence.

SEASON OUTLOOK

A mix of seasoned youth, experienced leadership and exciting new talent aptly describes this year's men's soccer team. After finishing the 1996 season with a 10-5-2 record, this year's squad returns largely intact. Overall there are eight returning starters, six returning lettermen, and an excellent incoming class to give both the fans and the coaching staff reason to look forward to the start of the 1996 campaign.

Leading the returning lettermen this season will be senior Jamie Rowlett, a native of Lenexa, Kan. Rowlett, who finished the 1996 season as the leading point scorer with 9 goals and 8 assists, was a second team All-MCAC pick. Joining Rowlett in the midfield

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Steve Hathaway
Assistant Coach

Hathaway begins his first season in helping the men's soccer team. Hathaway is originally from Sedalia, MO, attending high school at Sedalia Smith Cotton. Hathaway played collegiate soccer at Johnson County Community College, Rockhurst College, and UMKC, receiving his degree from UMKC in Geology. Hathaway is very excited to coach at the NAIA level for a quality program such as Avila. He has high expectations for Avila's soccer program, and is looking for big wins against conference rivals Kansas Newman, Bartlesville Wesleyan, and cross-town rival Rockhurst.

is senior Ian Valentine (Shawnee, Kan.). Also up front for the Eagles returns junior Robie Davies (S. Wales, UK), who finished the 1996 season with 4 goals and 10 assists. Newcomer Marlon Hornsby will be counted on to provide much needed support up front this season.

Defensively the Eagles should be strong, returning three starters from the 1996 season. Anchoring the defense will be senior H.L. Dunsworth (Grandview, MO) a three time All-MCAC selection. Alongside H.L. to strengthen the defense will be junior Kent McDonald (Grandview, MO) and senior Rodney Day (Grandview, MO). The Eagles will be returning one letterwinner to patrol the nets — Sophomore Michael Derting (Overland Park, KS) will provide a solid foundation at the goalkeeping position.

This year's schedule ranks as one of the toughest in the last seven years. Overall, it should be an exciting season for everyone.

MEN'S SOCCER

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Rodney Day

Defender
Grandview, MO

Day will be counted on to help solidify the defense and help provide leadership for this year's team. Day came to Avila from Grandview High School where he earned All-Conference honors and was on the honor roll. He will be focusing on finishing his degree in education. Rodney is the son of Diana and Bud Day.



H.L. Dunsworth II

Defender
Grandview, MO

Dunsworth returns to the Eagles for his fourth and final season, having already received three All-Conference awards. Dunsworth will be counted on this season for his leadership on and off the field. He is the type of player that a coach loves to have during their career. A fierce competitor with a good heart, Dunsworth will be sorely missed when he leaves the men's soccer program. During his years at Grandview High School, Dunsworth earned First Team All-Conference and was on the honor roll. He will be finishing his degree in natural science. H.L. is the son of Harley Dunsworth who resides in Grandview.

Avila College 1997 Men's Soccer Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sun.	8/31/97	Harris-Stowe	St. Louis, MO	2:00pm
Mon.	9/01/97	Missouri Baptist	St. Louis, MO	12:00pm
Sat.	9/06/97	Benedictine	HOME	3:00pm
Sat.	9/13/97	Columbia	Columbia, MO	7:00pm
Tue.	9/16/97	Bellevue	Bellevue, NE	4:00pm
Sun.	9/21/97	Kansas Newman	HOME	3:00pm
Sun.	9/28/97	William Woods	HOME	3:00pm
Wed.	10/01/97	Dordt	HOME	4:00pm
Sat.	10/04/97	Ottawa	HOME	4:00pm
Sun.	10/05/97	Doane College	HOME	4:00pm
Wed.	10/08/97	Bartlesville	HOME	3:00pm
Sat.	10/11/97	Bethel College	HOME	3:00pm
Tue.	10/14/97	St. Mary's of Leavenworth	HOME	4:00pm
Sat.	10/18/97	York College	HOME	1:00pm
Wed.	10/22/97	William Jewel	Liberty, MO	4:00pm
Sat.	10/25/97	Rockhurst	Kansas City, MO	2:00pm
Wed.	10/29/97	Park College	HOME	3:00pm



James Rowlett

Midfielder
Lenexa, KS

Rowlett came back from knee surgery with an excellent junior year, leading the team in points (26) and goals (9). His offensive production helped him to Second Team All-MCAC honors for the second time. Rowlett's competitiveness in the classroom is evidenced by being on the Deans List for two years. Rowlett came to Avila from Shawnee Mission Northwest, where he was All-Conference selection in soccer. This year he will be finishing up his degree in business administration. Jamie is the son of Randolph and Gayle Rowlett who reside in Lenexa.



Ian Valentine

Forward
Shawnee, KS

Valentine returns to the Eagles for his fourth season. He will be counted on for his quickness to cause fear in opposing defenses. Valentine came to Avila after having a terrific career at Desoto High School. During his playing career as an Eagle, Valentine has been a contributor on and off the field. Ian is the son of Robert and Cynthia Valentine who reside in Shawnee, KS.

MEN'S SOCCER



Avila College Men's Soccer 1997

Left Row: (From Front) David Brown, C.J. Harle, Ben Chai, Avery Abernathy, Michael Muller, Raymond Nastase, Ian Valentine, Jason Gatewood, Brooks Dameron

Right Row: (From Front) Kent McDonald, H.L. Dunsworth II, Rodney Day, Robert Davies, Tim Barnett, Jamie Rowlett, Daniel Fernandez, Micah Jones

Center: (From Left) Michael Derting, Yasunori Matsuyama

QUICK FACTS

1996 team record: 10-5-2

1995 statistical leaders returning

Goals:

Jamie Rowlett (9)

Robbie Davies (4)

Assists:

Robbie Davies (10)

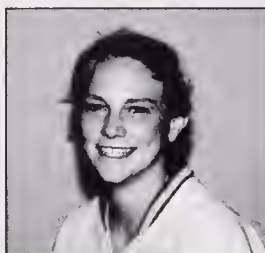
Jamie Rowlett (8)

1995 award winners returning:

H.L. Dunsworth, Second-Team All-MCAC

Jamie Rowlett, Second-Team All-MCAC

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Ian David Valentine #21



It has been so much fun following the team around and watching all the excitement. (Wichita will always have memories!)

It makes us sad to think this is the last year for soccer. It has always been such a big part of our lives. We are so very proud of you and all your accomplishments. Have a great senior year! We look forward to another great season. FROM YOUR #1 FANS. Love you,

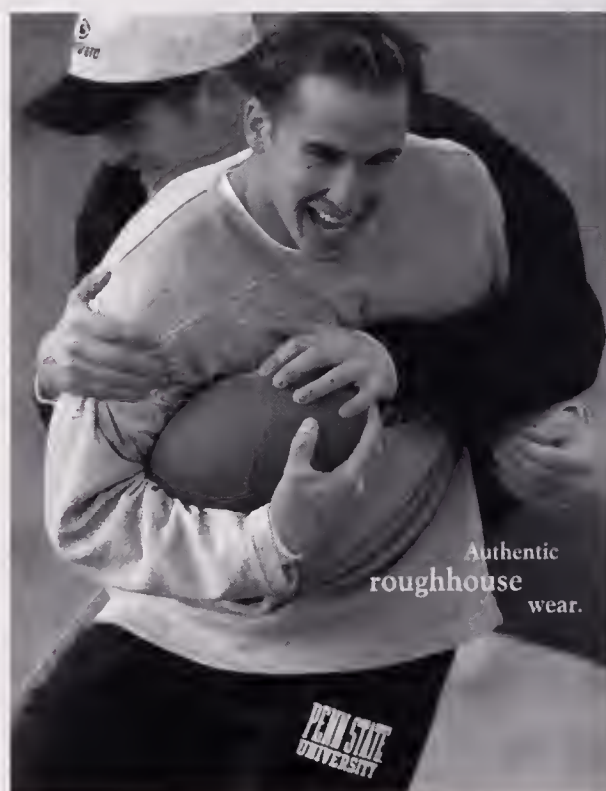
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WOMEN'S SOCCER



Jeff Randolph
Head Coach

Coach Randolph is a true student of the game of soccer. He is a licensed nationally as a coach by FIFA (soccer's governing body), he is a state licensed official, and an avid player and fan of the game. He has coached club ball for six years across a wide range of ages and talents. He says that his encounters with college-age players are the most entertaining because of the mix of personality and skill needed to play at this level.

Randolph's coaching style is unique: I'm an 'irreverent purist.' There are things you do on a soccer field that have been tested by time. There is a classical approach that will enhance skills and almost ensure victory. The 'irreverent' part comes in taking that classical approach and giving it a good twist. You don't really ever know what to expect. That is where college-level personality comes into play," says Randolph.

Coach Randolph is beginning his MBA in Marketing at Avila College this semester, and looks forward to an April wedding to his fiancée, Susan Jackson.



Bart Bates
Assistant Coach

Coach Bates is no stranger to the soccer field. He has been involved in the Oak Park and Park Hill high school soccer programs, and is now teaching and serving as head coach at St. Joseph Central High School. Coach Bates has degrees in Education and History from UMKC, and is licensed as a coach by FIFA. He is currently finishing his Master's degree in Academic Administration.

SEASON OUTLOOK

The impressive improvement in the record of the women's soccer team who went from 4-13-2 to 10-8 is reason enough for the new coach to enthusiastically greet this year's team.

Last year, senior Shonette Micco brought honors as first team all MCAC, scoring 45 points and 19 goals in only 15 games, and was NAIA Scholar Athlete All-American for the second year in a row. She was also chosen MCAC women's soccer player of the week during last year's season. Her leadership will be missed, but provided 11 returning letterwinners. Junior Corey Brown (Raymore, MO) will be one of the Eagles who will be counted on for offensive firepower after leading the team in assists (8) and finishing second in points (16) and goals (4). Freshman Kelly Unscheid (Liberty, MO) is also returning from a productive year finishing seventh in the conference right behind Brown with seven assists.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Avila College 1997 Women's Soccer Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sun.	8/31/97	Harris-Stowe	St. Louis, MO	12:00pm
Mon.	9/01/97	Fontbonne	St. Louis, MO	1:00pm
				(Scrimmage)
Sat.	9/06/97	Benedictine	HOME	1:00pm
Tue.	9/09/97	Bellevue	Bellevue, NE	4:30pm
Sat.	9/13/97	SWBU	Bolivar, MO	11:00am
Sun.	9/21/97	Kansas Newman	HOME	1:00pm
Thur.	9/25/97	York College	HOME	3:00pm
Sun.	9/28/97	William Woods	HOME	1:00pm
Sat.	10/04/97	Ottawa	HOME	2:00pm
Sun.	10/05/97	Doane College	HOME	2:00pm
Wed.	10/08/97	Bartlesville	HOME	1:00pm
Sat.	10/11/97	Bethel College	HOME	1:00pm
Tue.	10/14/97	Saint Mary College	HOME	2:00pm
Thur.	10/16/97	Rockhurst	Kansas City, MO	4:00pm
Wed.	10/22/97	William Jewell	Liberty, MO	2:00pm
Wed.	10/29/97	College of Saint Mary	Omaha, NE	3:00pm

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Anna-Lisa Criswell

Defender
Gainesville, FL

After several severe injuries, Criswell is looking forward to a season full of successes. While attending Avila, she is majoring in biology, with a minor in chemistry. Criswell came to Avila from Buchholz High School, where she had an excellent career as a student-athlete. Anna-Lisa is the daughter of Sally Criswell who resides in Gainesville, FL.



Andrea Kidwell

Defender
Lenexa, KS

Kidwell returns to the Eagles for her fourth and final season. Kidwell was a mainstay on the defense who helped solidify a 10-6 season. Kidwell attended Shawnee Mission West High School, where she excelled in their soccer program. She will be finishing her degree in Nursing this year. Andrea is the daughter of Deborah and Stephen Kidwell.



Marion Wright

Forward
Washington, MO

Wright will be returning for her senior year, and is expected to provide some offensive punch up front this season. Wright attended St. Francis Borgia, where she performed well on and off the field. She will be completing her degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry/Psychology. Marion is the daughter of David and Kathleen Wright.

WOMEN'S SOCCER



Avila College Women's Soccer 1997

Back Row: (From Left) Katrina Langdon, Jamie Bishop, Andrea Kidwell, Anna Stogsdill, Kelly Umscheid, Rachel Garrison, Kyli Harmon, Anna-Lisa Criswell, Amy Pokorney

Front Row: (From Left) Melanie Bogan, Brianna Heavelow, Marion Wright, Mary Quarando, Melissa Hoover, Maria Cannova, Corey Brown

QUICK FACTS

1996 Team Record

10-6

1996 Statistical Leaders Returning Goals:

Corey Brown (4)

Assists:

Corey Brown (8)

Kelly Umscheid (7)

1996 award winners:

Shonette Micco, First Team All-MCAC,
NAIA All-America Scholar Athlete

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MIDLANDS COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

FIRST TEAM

Jessica Pankey	Women's Basketball	1996-97
George Mallon	Men's Basketball	1996-97
Bob Huber	Baseball	1997
Adam Holst	Baseball	1997
Michael Klein	Baseball	1997
Monica Bullock	Softball	1997
Amanda Endicott	Softball	1997

SECOND TEAM

Nikki Davison	Women's Basketball	1996-97
Ben Kimminau	Men's Basketball	1996-97
Shonette Micco	Women's Soccer	1996
HL Dunsworth II	Men's Soccer	1996
Marcus Hernandez	Men's Soccer	1996
Jamie Rowlett	Men's Soccer	1996

MIDLANDS COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

MONICA BULLOCK
Softball
1997

AVILA COLLEGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Championship Appearances

Men's Soccer 1982 Fourth Place

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Midwest Region

Baseball 1994 Second Place

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District 16 Champions

Baseball 1994 Men's Soccer 1982 & 1987

Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC)

Volleyball 1994 Post-Season Tournament Champions

MIDLANDS COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

1994-95

Luana Cumpton	Women's Soccer
Anthony Fasl	Baseball
Eric Greble	Men's Basketball
Craig Johnston	Men's Basketball
Ted Manvitz	Baseball
Shonette Micco	Women's Soccer
Carla Miller	Women's Basketball and Softball
Phil Pileggi	Men's Soccer
Stacy Street	Volleyball
Sandra Stowell	Softball
Michelle Turner	Volleyball

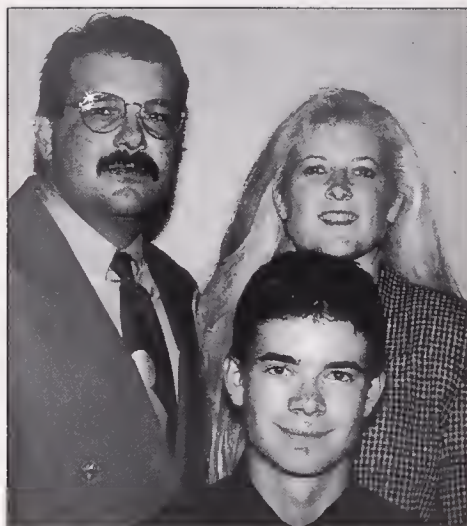
1995-96

Luana Cumpton	Women's Soccer
Anthony Fasl	Baseball
Eric Greble	Men's Basketball
Marco Hernandez	Men's Soccer
Adam Holst	Baseball
Craig Johnston	Men's Basketball
Paulette Limback	Volleyball
Shonette Micco	Women's Soccer
Carla Miller	Women's Basketball
Paula Pace	Volleyball
Tracy Sloger	Women's Basketball

1996-97

Kyli Harmon	Women's Soccer
Shonette Micco	Women's Soccer
Jurgen Hildebrand	Men's Soccer
Jamie Rowlett	Men's Soccer
Elizabeth Hachegechog	Women's Soccer
Mary VonBohland	Volleyball
Megan Hulett	Volleyball
Matt Kamphoefner	Baseball
Adam Holst	Baseball
Matt Clayton	Baseball
Kelly Schnepf	Women's Basketball
Eric Greble	Men's Basketball
Danny Mudge	Men's Basketball
Katherine Koettker	Softball
Rebecca Koettker	Softball
Amy Landis	Softball
Julie Klutsarits	Softball
Julie Turner	Softball

EAGLE PRIDE



Mike Crozier

Director of Athletics

With more than 7 years experience in intercollegiate athletic administration as an athletic director, faculty member, and coach, Mike Crozier is building a foundation upon which to lead the Avila Athletic Department into the 21st Century.

Mike Crozier, recognized

throughout college athletics as a leader who holds the highest regard for the student-athlete, is in his second year as director of athletics at Avila College. Crozier is a leader and achiever who considers himself as an educator first, dedicated to upholding the finest tradition of Avila Athletics.

Crozier graduated from Graceland College with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education in 1985. He then earned a master's degree in health and physical education from the University of South Dakota.

Upon graduating from Graceland College, Crozier spent 4 years in high school teaching physical education and coaching football, boys basketball, softball, and girls track. His high school career included Willow Community Schools (Quimby, Iowa), and Siox

City East High School.

In 1991, Crozier moved into intercollegiate athletics after being hired as the assistant director of athletics and head softball coach. After three months of hard work and dedication, Crozier was named the director of athletics while continuing to coach softball. During this period, Crozier helped to add additional sports while raising funds to increase women's scholarships and operational budgets.

In the spring of 1996, Crozier was named the full-time director of athletics at Avila College. During the year after becoming the college's athletic director, Crozier has the Eagle program soaring to new heights. Under Crozier's direction, the athletic department has already signed an exclusive contract with Coca-Cola (includes scoreboards, scoretobles, bench seating, and other equipment



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EAGLE PRIDE

items), procured a new sound system in Mabee Fieldhouse and outside Zarda Sports Complex, and renovated the training room and locker rooms.

Crozier's accomplishments have not gone unnoticed; his leadership in all areas has earned him national respect. He has served on the NAIA Midwest Regional Executive Coordinating Committee, and on the NAIA National Baseball Championships Committee.

Crozier's goal at Avila will be to place a priority on a total program concept with an emphasis on a well-rounded all-sports program.

A native of Melcher, Iowa, Crozier, 34 (born March 17, 1963), and his wife Sheri, live in Lee's Summit, MO. Their 16 year old nephew Chad Miller lives with them during the school year. He attends Lee's Summit North High School.

ACADEMICS

The Avila College Athletic Department's tradition of excellence extends beyond the areas of competition—it also applies to their performance in the classroom.

Athletic Director Mike Crozier has always believed that the primary goal of student-athletes is getting their degree. "The most important thing our student-athletes can get out of college is an education and a direction for the rest of their lives," Crozier says. "So one thing we stress in our department is making sure they know what they are doing and have their goals mapped out, and they begin to consciously work at it."

Apparently what the athletic department staff and coaches are preaching is getting through to its target audience. Last year, six Avila athletes were named NAIA All-America Scholar Athletes, and 18 were named MCAC Scholar Athletes. The Avila Athletic Department carried a 2.97 grade point average last spring.

It takes a commitment from each student-athlete, coach, administrator, and instructor to have this kind of success. At the head of this dedication for academic excellence is Sr. Marie Joan Harris.

There has been a nationwide concern about academic performance of student athletes. In regard to this, Avila has taken pride in making sure the college's traditional standard of academic excellence is upheld. Assistance is offered to all students, by the college's support services.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Jim McMurray
Head Coach

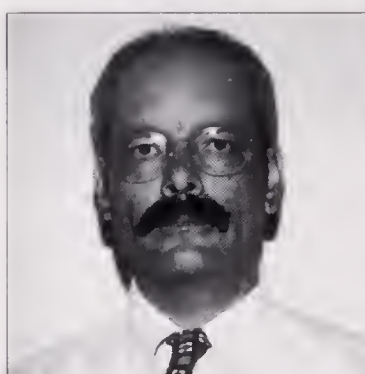
Jim McMurray begins his fifth season as head women's basketball coach at Avila, but has been coaching women's basketball in the Kansas City area since 1976. He was head coach at St. Teresa's Academy, where he led his team to six district championships and three appearances in the Missouri State 4-A Tournament.

In 1985 he was honored as the Missouri State Coach of the Year. He has established an impressive overall record as a high school coach with 238 wins and 38 losses.

McMurray earned his graduate degree in behavioral disorders from the University of Kansas and an undergraduate degree in physical education and health from William Jewell College. At William Jewell he earned All-Conference and All-District 16 honors while starting as point guard for the basketball team.

McMurray is currently employed by the Center School District, teaching physical education and working with behavior disorder students.

McMurray and his wife, Solonnie, have two sons, Arron (13), and James Michael (9), and a daughter, Katie (3).



Vince Fitzgerald
Assistant Coach

Fitzgerald begins his second year as an assistant women's basketball coach at Avila College. Coach Fitzgerald will bring to the staff a wealth of experience having coached 18 years. He reunited with Coach McMurray with whom he served as assistant coach for 5 years at St. Theresa's Academy. In addition, Fitzgerald has coached women's basketball at Visitation Junior High School for 13 years, where he was elected to the Visitation Athletic Hall of Fame for outstanding service to the athletic program. Coach Fitzgerald graduated from Rockhurst College with a BA in history and a minor in youth agency administration. Fitzgerald primary responsibilities will be coaching the junior varsity games, and working with the post players on break down drills.



Nikki Davidson
Assistant Coach

Davison begins her first year assisting the Eagles. She graduated from Avila in 1997 earning a degree in human resource management. She also participated in basketball at Avila where she became the All-Time Assist Leader with 604 assists and was on the All-Conference 2nd team her junior and senior years. Davison plans on using her experience both playing and coaching AAU basketball for six years.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SEASON OUTLOOK

With eight returnees from the 1996-97 squad and a incoming recruiting class hailed as, "outstanding" by Coach Jim McMurray, the Avila Lady Eagles look to remain as one of the elite teams in the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference.

After finishing in second place in the conference standings during the regular season, the team looks primed for a run at the conference championship and post-season berth in the National Tournament. In order for these goals to occur, Coach McMurray believes that more highlights from last season, such as winning at Bartlesville College on their home court which, "...is a tough place to win at for anybody", is a key component to the success of the team.

Vital to the success of this seasons squad will be "How fast the new recruits blend into the system and jell together as a team." With no glaring weaknesses going into the 1997-98 campaign, the strengths of this team include "improved quickness, better shooting, defensive minded stoppers and depth. Couple these strengths with an outstanding work ethic indicative of every team that Coach McMurray has placed on the floor at Avila and you have the makings of a highly successful season.

McMurray adds that while the goals on-court are lofty, he still expects his team to have fun while working hard.

Avila College 1997-1998 Women's Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sat.	11/01/97	Alumni Game	HOME	5:30pm
Tue.	11/11/97	Park College	HOME	7:30pm
Wed.	11/12/97	William Jewel	HOME	7:30pm
Tue.	11/18/97	Graceland College	HOME	7:30 pm
Wed.	11/19/97	William Woods	Fulton, MO	7:30pm
Fri.	11/21/97	McPherson College	HOME	TBA
Sat.	11/22/97	Union College	Lincoln, NE	6:30pm
Tue.	11/25/97	Mo. Valley	HOME	7:30pm
Tue.	12/09/97	Graceland College	Lamoni, IA	7:30pm
Sat.	12/13/97	Harris-Stowe	HOME	2:00pm
Tue.	01/06/98	Ottawa College	HOME	5:30pm
Sat.	01/10/98	Harris-Stowe	St. Louis, MO	2:00pm
Mon.	01/12/98	Kansas Wesleyan	HOME	5:30pm
Fri.	01/16/98	College of Ozarks	HOME	5:30pm
Sat.	01/17/98	Bartlesville	HOME	5:30pm
Mon.	01/19/98	Missouri Valley	Marshall, MO	7:00pm
Wed.	01/21/98	St. Gregory's College	HOME	5:30pm
Fri.	01/23/98	York College	York, NE	5:30pm
Sat.	01/24/98	Kansas Newman	Wichita, KS	5:30pm
Wed.	01/28/98	Rockhurst	HOME	5:30pm
Sat.	01/31/98	St. Mary's of Leavenworth	Leavenworth, KS	5:30pm
Mon.	02/02/98	William Woods	HOME	7:00pm
Tue.	02/03/98	Union College	HOME	5:30pm
Fri.	02/06/98	College of Ozarks	Point Lookout, MO	5:30pm
Sat.	02/07/98	Bartlesville	Bartlesville, OK	5:30pm
Fri.	02/13/98	St. Marys	HOME	5:30pm
Sat.	02/14/98	Rockhurst	K.C., MO	5:30pm
Fri.	02/20/98	Kansas Newman	HOME	5:30pm
Sat.	02/21/98	York College	HOME	5:30pm
Mon.	02/23/98	St. Gregory's College	Shawnee, OK	7:00pm
Tue.	02/24/98	MCAC Tournament	TBA	
Fri.	02/27/98	MCAC Tournament	TBA	
Sat.	02/28/98	MCAC Tournament	TBA	



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Sherri Miller

Guard
Camdenton, MO

Miller attended Camdenton High School where she excelled as a student-athlete. Last year Miller provided a spark off the bench averaging 4.3 points a game and 1.5 rebounds. Miller will be finishing up her degree in elementary education. Sherri is the daughter of Robert and Judy Miller.



Jessica Pankey

Center
Merriam, KS

While attending Bishop Miege High School, Pankey participated in both volleyball and basketball. She helped both teams win State Championships and won many individual awards. While attending Avila to pursue a nursing degree and a minor in elementary education, she was awarded with Newcomer of the Year. She was also named to the All-Conference 1st and 2nd teams. After only finishing up three years, Jessica is already the leading scorer in women's basketball schools history. Jessica is the daughter of Mary Pankey.



Delaina Renfro

Guard
Independence, KS

Renfro was a state champion at Independence High School. While attending Independence Community College, she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, was 8th in the nation in basketball in 1995, and was 2nd in the nation in 1996. She was also pictured in the Who's Who Among Jr. College Students. She made a big impact on the basketball team last year and more can be expected of her this season. Delaina is the daughter of Steve and Rebecca Wilson.



Stacy Clark

Forward
Louisburg, KS

Stacy a transfer from Mid-America Nazarene College, will be an outstanding addition to the Lady Eagles with her versatility being able to score inside and out.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Avila College Women's Basketball 1997-98

Back Row: (From Left) Dianne Durham, Emily Schmidt, Katie Gardner, Jessica Pankey, Kari Donnell, Kelly Schnepf, Chrystal McGrew, Phoebe Clark, Molly Paige, Aja Jackson

Middle Row: (From Left) Rachel Ahlers, Delaina Renfro, Lindsay Thompson, Melanie Bogan, Kristina Clore, Sherri Miller, Ginny Goebel

Front Row: (From Left) Lisa McClellan, Erin Carr, Stacey Clark, Kelly VanReissen

QUICK FACTS

1996-97 team record (15-17)

1996-97 statistical leaders returning:

Scoring: Jessica Pankey (13.8 per game)

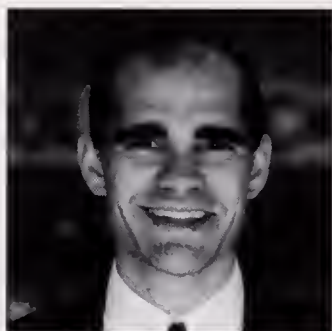
Rebounding: Jessica Pankey (9.1 per game) Kelly Schnepf (4.5 per game)

Assists: Kari Donnell (2.4 per game)

Steals: Jessica Pankey (1.9 per game) Kari Donnell (1.4 per game)

Free Throw Percentage: Kelly VanReissen (73.0)

MEN'S BASKETBALL



James Huber, Jr.
Head Coach

Jim Huber was named head coach of the Eagle's Men's Basketball team in April 1997 after serving as an assistant in the program for the last three years. Huber was a former Eagle letterman in both basketball and baseball. In addition to his active recruiting season, Huber recently participated as a camp instructor at the University of Kansas, Nebraska, Kentucky Blue Chip and the Children's Mercy basketball camp. In addition to his coaching responsibilities, he is also the Assistant Director of Athletics for Operations, overseeing marketing, summer camps, facility coordination and game management. A 1993 graduate of Avila in communication, Huber also holds a master's degree in business administration.

The mission of the Avila College Men's Basketball Program is to challenge the student athlete spiritually, socially, academically and athletically.

The theme for this year's team is the focus on purple pride...

P stands for passion

U for understanding goals and roles

R for respect in team mates and the program

P for perseverance

L for love of your team mates

E for envisioning of success

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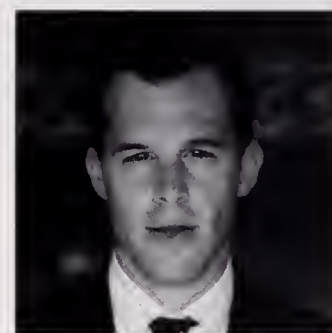
Gary Veenendaal
Assistant Coach

Gary graduated from Hastings College (Neb) with degrees in Business, Mathematics and Education. Gary also graduated from the Cooperative Urban Teachers Education program that was sponsored by Kansas State University as part of his student teaching experience. He completed his masters degree at Emporia State University in the field of Educational Administration. Gary has taught mathematics at the high school and college level. He has coached basketball, baseball, football, track, and wrestling at various levels. Gary has also been an activities coordinator, an athletic director and an assistant principal while working at the high school level. Gary has also had the honor of working with the Kauffman Foundation and being part of their Urban Partners program. Gary volunteers at Olathe Medical center and is involved in church and community efforts. Gary and his wife Denise have two children, Amy age 11 and Bradley age 6.

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Jason Porter
Assistant Coach

Jason is a 1991 Avila graduate, earning a degree in History. Porter was a member of the Eagle basketball team from 1989-91, playing for Bill Wiesbrook. Jason is married to Amber Porter and they have an infant daughter, Kameron. Coach Porter is excited about helping the Eagles to a successful campaign in 1997-98.



Craig Dobsch
Assistant Coach

Craig comes to Avila College from McKendree College where he served as an assistant varsity and junior varsity men's basketball coach. He graduated from McKendree with a mathematics degree in 1993. Dobsch's responsibilities include developing guard play, coaching the junior varsity, and assisting with recruiting.

MEN'S BASKETBALL



Eric Schrorer

Graduate Assistant

Former Eagle's player Eric Schrorer moves into a new role this season as a Graduate assistant. Last year, Schrorer helped the Eagle men's program as a student assistant. As a player Eric was noted for his rugged rebounding, hard nosed picks, and overall aggressive style of play. Eric finished up his education this summer earning a history degree. Eric enjoys collecting war and NBA artifacts. Eric primary responsibility will be helping coach the junior varsity, recruiting, and working with the big men.

SEASON OUTLOOK

The Avila Eagles basketball team begins the 1997-98 season brimming with optimism. The presence of three returning starters, the leadership of forward 1997 Honorable Mention NAIA All-American George Mallon, 9 returning lettermen and a strong group of new recruits is the basis for this optimism.

This year's returning players made up collectively for approximately 75% of the team's offensive efforts. Hoping to build upon the defensive efforts of the previous year which finished 8th in the nation in points allowed per game, 66.4 per game. With doing this the goal is to increase offensive productivity by increasing the tempo, improving shot selection with all players and working together more as a team.

Huber hopes to instill a championship mentality in his team. "I want the coaching staff and the players to understand that the process is sometimes more important than the product. Too many times we can gear

ourselves with too much emphasis on winning and loosing. But the championship lifestyle is realized on a daily basis. That is where the memories come from; that is where the experiences come from; that's where growth begins. If we can zero in, day to day, the process of achievement throughout the season will take care of itself. The product is short term, but the process and memories is what counts. We have control over ourselves and the effort we give toward bringing out our best in whatever we are doing will determine our success. We'll be the first to say that we'll have to be patient with the process and that the product will come with hard work and talented players. The support from our administration, our student body, and the community are also ingredients for a successful program. It's a total package."

Avila College

1997-1998 Men's Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sat.	11/1/97	Alumni Game	HOME	7:30p.m.
Wed.	11/12/97	Ottawa University	Ottawa, KS	7:30p.m.
Mon.	11/17/97	Benedictine College	Atchison, KS	7:30p.m.
Sat.	11/22/97	Union College	Lincoln, NE	8:30p.m.
Mon.	12/1/97	Benedictine College	HOME	7:30p.m.
Fri./Sat.	12/5-6/97	Missouri Western Tourn.	St. Joseph, MO	
	12/5/97	Missouri Western	St. Joseph, MO	8:00p.m.
	12/6/97	William Jewell or Missouri Southern		TBA
Sat.	12/13/97	Harris Stowe College	HOME	2:00p.m.
Fri./Sat.	12/19-20/97	William Jewell Classic	Liberty, MO	TBA
Fri./Sat.	1/2-3/98	Incarnate Word Tournament	San Antonio, TX	TBA
Wed.	1/7/98	Ottawa University	HOME	7:30p.m.
Sat.	1/10/98	Harris Stowe College	St. Louis, MO	4:00p.m.
Tue.	1/13/98	Park College (Park Hill HS)	Parkville, MO	7:30p.m.
Fri.	1/16/98	College of the Ozarks	HOME	7:30p.m.
Sat.	1/17/98	Bartlesville Wesleyan Col.	HOME	7:30p.m.
Fri.	1/23/98	York College	York, NE	7:30p.m.
Sat.	1/24/98	Bellevue University	Bellevue, NE	7:30p.m.
Wed.	1/28/98	Rockhurst College	HOME	7:30p.m.
Sat.	1/31/98	St. Mary College	Leavenworth,	7:30p.m.
Tue.	2/3/98	Union College	HOME	7:30p.m.
Fri.	2/6/98	College of the Ozarks	Pt. Lookout, MO	7:30pm.
Sat.	2/7/98	Bartlesville Wesleyan	Bartlesville, OK	7:30p.m.
Tue.	2/10/98	Park College	HOME	7:30p.m.
Fri.	2/13/98	St. Mary College	HOME	7:30p.m.
Sat.	2/14/98	Rockhurst College	Kansas City	7:30p.m.
Fri.	2/20/98	Bellevue University	HOME	7:30p.m.
Sat.	2/21/98	York College	HOME	7:30p.m.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



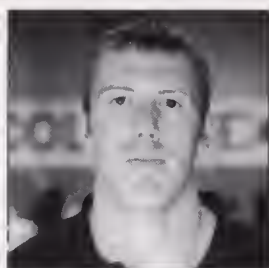
Chad Wilkinson

Guard
Mexico, MO

Chad Wilkinson is joining the men's basketball after completing an outstanding baseball career as a starting pitcher for the Eagles baseball team. Wilkinson earned MCAC All-Conference honors as a junior. He will be counted on this season to provide strong work ethic and leadership on and off the floor. Wilkinson is finishing up his degree in marketing this year.

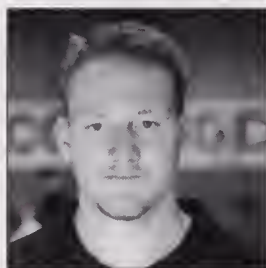
MEN'S BASKETBALL

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



George Mallon
Forward/Center
Lee's Summit, MO

Mallon will be returning for his third and final season as an eagle looking to break the 1,000 point plateau entering the season with 918 points in two years. Mallon's leadership will be heavily relied on throughout the upcoming season. Last year, Mallon finished second in the MCAC in scoring finishing with 18.5 points per game while pulling down a team high 5.8 rebounds per game. A consistent 1996-97 campaign helped Mallon make First Team All-MCAC and Honorable Mention All-America honors. Mallon will be completing his degree in information science. George is the son of George Mallon and Willie Thomas.



Shane Sands
Forward
San Dimas, CA

Sands was voted most improved basketball player and Student of the Month when he attended San Dimas High School. While he attended Mount San Antonio College, he received awards as the Sophomore Dedication-Basketball-Academic Award and was also placed on the Dean's List. Sands after coming off an injury plagued season is filled with optimism working hard during the summer to contribute to the team while finishing his degree in psychology. Shane is the son of Mike and Debbie Mulvihill.



Rodney Wittenberg
Guard
Belton, MO

Wittenberg a former walkon who never played high school basketball has contributed in many ways. After arriving at Avila from Belton High School Wittenberg has work extremely hard on off the court to improve himself as a student-athlete and has done extremely well. He has played on the junior varsity the last three years. Wittenberg's attitude, work ethic, and desire is something to be admired. This year Wittenberg will be working on completing his degree in biology with the ambition of being a wild life biologist. Rodney is the son of Robert Wittenberg and Peggy Wittenberg.

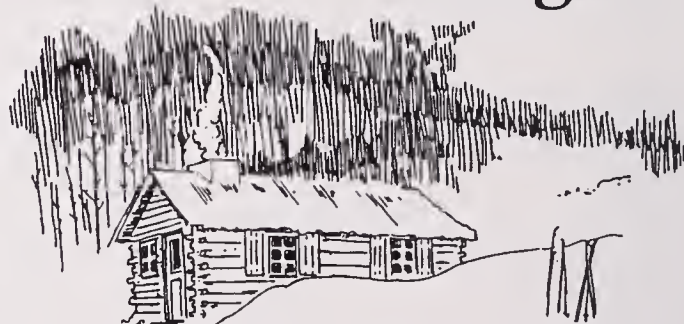
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MEN'S BASKETBALL



Avila College Men's Basketball 1997-98

Back Row: (From Left) Mike Hopkins, James Harris, Kyle Henage, George Mallon, Rodney Wittenberg, Noah Amerson, Isaiah Hultman, Jesse Nichols, Chad Lewis, Mike Strong, Shane Sands

Middle Row: (From Left) Danny Mudge, Chad Wilkinson, Ryan Town, Andy Feurborn, Chris Aulbor, DeKorey Albright, Rofique Miller

Front Row: (From Left) Ryan Glasgow, Bob Turner, Terrell Tigner, Greg Oelrichs

QUICK FACTS

1996-97 statistical leaders returning

Scoring: George Mallon (18.4 per game) Danny Mudge (9.8 per game) Terrell Tigner (8.3 per game)

Rebounding: George Mallon (5.8 per game) Terrell Tigner (5.3 per game)

Assists: Isaiah Hultman (2.4 per game)

Free Throw Shooting: Ryan Glasgow (81% season)

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SOFTBALL



Dennis Gault
Head Coach

Dennis Gault was born in San Jose, California. Gault went to San Jose City College for one year, the College of San Mateo for one year, and then finished his education at Cal State University Hayward. Dennis also coaches girls ASA fast pitch softball and his teams have qualified for Nationals on four different occasions. He brings with him softball coaching experience at the high school level as well, having coached in San Jose, California. During the summer of 1996, Dennis coached a baseball team that finished 9th at Nationals in the 16 year old division. He has also coached and played slow pitch softball in seven city championships. Dennis helped coach the Eagles baseball team during the 1995-96 season, and was an assistant to Dave Melton during the 1996-97 Lady Eagles softball season. Dennis and his wife Rikki reside in Raymore and have four children.



Monica Bullock
Student Assistant

A former Eagles player, Monica Bullock moves into a new role this season after completing an excellent softball career. As a player, Bullock was named MCAC Softball Player of the Year in 1997. In her four year career Bullock was named First Team, Second Team, and Honorable Mention All-MCAC. She will be completing her communication degree specializing in electronic media this year.



Joyce Stokes
Assistant Coach

Joyce Stokes, the head volleyball coach, will also help out the softball team this year as an assistant. She has experience coaching softball in high school and looks forward to the opportunity of helping Dennis Gault continue to build a quality softball program. She grew up in Pennsylvania and attended Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg. She graduated with a B.S. in Health and Physical Education, and later earned a Masters in Education with an emphasis on Sports Administration from Wichita State University. Joyce is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Sports Psychology.

SEASON OUTLOOK

The 1997 Lady Eagles softball season will be remembered as a year when 11 softball players and three coaches overcame adversity and rose to the occasion. The Eagles started their spring season minus a very important component, a pitcher.

Coach Gault summarizes this past season by saying the team played very well against some extremely good ball clubs. He attributes that to the commitment of his players. Gault says he can not say that he had any one superstar, but a group of women working together as a 'team' in the true sense of the word. The team finished with a 16-10 record, displaying outstanding work on the mound by rookie pitchers.

The Lady Eagles finished the 1997 season with a team batting average of .351, with Monica Bullock leading the team with a .451 average and Amanda

Endicott running a close second with an average of .449. Amanda also led the team in individual hits per game averaging 1.47. Keri Shoff was the team leader in stolen base percentage category with a perfect 10/10.

The Lady Eagles did not only succeed on the field, but in the classroom as well. The 1997 team had three members named All-American Scholar Athletes, Karie Koettker, Becky Koettker, and Amy Landis. Coach Gault says having students that excel in the classroom makes his job easier.

Coach Gault is excited about the upcoming season. The Eagles are on their way to an outstanding year.

SOFTBALL

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Amanda Endicott

Center Field
Independence, MO

Endicott was All-Conference for four years and was All-Area her senior year when she attended Raytown High School. While pursuing a Nursing degree she was named to the All-Conference 2nd Team in 1995 and 1996. Last year, Amanda finished with a .449 batting average, 29 runs scored, and led the team in hits with 31. Amanda is the daughter of Billy and Carolyn Endicott.



Angela Hasty

Outfield
Lee's Summit, MO

While attending O'Hara High School, Hasty was on the All-Conference 1st Team and on the B Honor Roll. While attending Avila, she has been a strong player for the Eagles as well as pursuing a degree in pre-law carrying a 3.4 GPA. She is the daughter of Douglas and Margaret Hasty.



Amy Landis

Utility
Silver Lake, KS

Landis, a sociology major, was all league in softball her senior year, and all league in track for four years when she attended Silver Lake High School. While at Coffeyville Community College, as well as here at Avila, she has earned a Distinguished Academic All-American in Softball. She was also on the Dean's Honor Roll. Amy is the daughter of Brent and Linda Landis.



Virginia McCarty

Third Base
Independence, MO

McCarty won the McCoy Award, was in the National Honor Society, and was nominated for best offense when she attended William Chrisman High School. While attending Avila, McCarty has been a member of the National English Honor Society and on the Honor Roll. Last year, McCarty did a great job resurrecting a depleted pitching staff and playing a consistent third base which helped her be named Co-MVP. Virginia is the daughter of Dennis and Patricia McCarty.

Avila College 1997 Softball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Tues.	3/3/98	Park College	Parkville, MO	2:00p.m.
Wed.	3/4/98	Ottawa University	Ottawa, KS	4:00p.m.
Fri./Sat.	3/6-7/98	MCAC Tournament	Adair Park	TBA
Sun.	3/8/98	College of St. Mary	HOME	12:00p.m.
Tues.	3/10/98	York College	HOME	2:00p.m.
Thur.	3/12/98	Mid-America Nazarene	HOME	2:00p.m.
Sat./Sun.	3/14-22/98	Spring Break	TBA	TBA
**Wed.	3/25/98	William Jewell College	TBA	TBA
Thur.	3/26/98	Benedictine College	Atchison, KS	2:30p.m.
**Sat.	3/28/98	William Jewell College	TBA	TBA
Sun.	3/29/98	Kansas Newman College	Wichita, KS	1:00p.m.
Wed.	4/1/98	Maple Woods CC (Scrimmage)	HOME	2:30p.m.
Fri./Sun.	4/3-5/98	Park College Tournament	Parkville, MO	TBA
Tues.	4/7/98	St. Mary's College	Leavenworth	2:00p.m.
Fri./Sat.	4/10-11/98	Avila Easter Classic	Adair Park	TBA
Wed.	4/15/98	Baker University	Baldwin City	3:30p.m.
Fri.	4/17/98	Bellevue University	HOME	2:30p.m.
Tues.	4/28/98	North Central Jr. College (Scrimmage)	HOME	3:00p.m.
	5/1-2/98	Conference Tournament	Wichita, KS	TBA

SOFTBALL



Avila College Softball 1998

Front Row: (From Left) Rebecca Osborne, Lori Stewart, Ginny Goebel, Rebecca Koettker, Janae Niblock, Kathrine Koettker, Amanda Nedrud, Amy Landis, Christina Delgado

Back Row: (From Left) Julie Turner, Amanda Endicott, Sarah Curtis, Tiffany King, Robin Enyeart, Jamie Hanneman, Sheila McWilliams, Joy Jacobs, Ericka Goeckeritz, Virginia McCarty

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Amanda Nedrud

Outfield
Overland Park, KS

Nedrud, a communications major, was a member of the All-Metro 2nd Team when she attended Blue Valley North High School. Nedrud's consistent performance earned her Most Improved Player on the 1997 team. Amanda is the daughter of Jon and Kay Nedrud.



Janae Niblock

Second Base
Raytown, MO

Niblock has been a strong player for Avila. She started playing at Raytown South High School where she was not only a strong student but a great athlete. She was on the Honor Roll for 4 years, and she was named to the All-Conference Teams and All-Area Teams. Niblock was recognized last year for great attitude and quality play receiving the Trooper Award. Janae is the daughter of John Niblock and Janlee Niblock.



Keri Shoff

Second Base
Blue Springs, MO

At Dewey High School, Shoff was All-District, All-Conference, All-Region, and All-State in 1993 and All-Tournament Team in 1991. While attending Crowder Community College Shoff received the Hustle Award in 1994 and 95 and carried her work ethic over to Avila receiving the award last year. She is working toward a degree in Psychology at Avila. She is the daughter of Brian and Mary Shoff.

AMY LANDIS

Good luck your senior year.

Best wishes for a
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softball and scholastically.

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Janae (Na Na) Niblock #8

Congratulations and best of luck to you
Janae. Have a great softball season and
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BASEBALL



James Huber, Sr.
Head Coach

Drive. Vision. Intensity. These qualities are vital to successful people, but equip none better in college baseball than Jim Huber, Sr. The job Huber has done in elevating the Avila College baseball program to its present status rivals any program in the country. In 1992, Coach Huber entered Avila as an assistant baseball coach helping head coach Mark Tobin guide the team to its first ever post season tournament appearance. The following season Huber took over the reigns as head coach leading the Eagles to a second place finish in the NAIA District 16 championship. Huber and the team returned in 1994 to the NAIA District 16 Tournament gaining a berth in the Mid-West Regional Tournament beating rival Rockhurst College. These accomplishments aided Huber in receiving the NAIA District 16 Coach of the Year.

Huber has been involved in baseball for more than 24 years. With 172 wins, Coach Huber is the winningest baseball coach in Avila's history. He and his wife, Mary Ann, have three children, Tracy (30), Kelly (28), and Jim Jr. (26).



Gary Haarmann
Assistant Coach

Four year letter winner and Avila College graduate, Haarmann begin his third year as an assistant coach. Haarmann was a regular performer in centerfield for the Eagles. Haarmann's accomplishments include being selected as an NAIA All American in 1994, All Midwest Region in 1994 and 1995, All Midland Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC) in 1995, and All District in 1992, 1993, and 1994. Additionally, Haarmann led the NAIA in stolen bases in 1993 (46-48). He completed his bachelor's degree in communications and is currently working in the maintenance department.



Carl Willingham
Assistant Coach

Carl Willingham returns as an assistant coach for the Eagles. A former Avila relief pitcher from Mexico, Mo., his last season as a player saw him leading the conference in winning percentages and ERA's while being on the Dean's list. His coaching duties now include pitching coach and recruiting.

Carl enjoys all sports including football, softball, baseball and fishing.



Pat Phillips
Assistant Coach

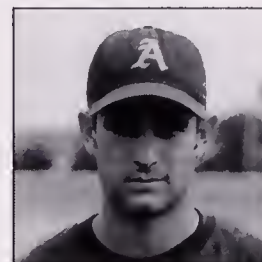
Pat Phillips begins his first year coaching at Avila following a playing career of his own at Avila College. Phillips played soccer and baseball from 1990-93. He graduated from Avila in 1993 with a Bachelors Degree in English. Phillips is currently enrolled at the University of Kansas working on his Master's Degree in Sport Psychology and Sport Administration.

BASEBALL

Avila College 1998 Baseball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri.	2/20/98	Southwest Baptist U.	Bolivar, MO	3:00p.m.
Sat.	2/21/98	Southwest Baptist U.	Bolivar, MO	12:00p.m.
Thur.	2/26/98	Lincoln University	HOME	12:00p.m.
Sat.	2/28/98	Lindenwood/Graceland	HOME	10:00a.m.
Sun.	3/1/98	Graceland/Lindenwood	HOME	10:00a.m.
Wed.	3/4/98	Missouri Valley College	Marshall, MO	1:00p.m.
Fri./Sat.	3/6-7/98	Hastings/Southwest Baptist	HOME	10:00a.m.
Sun.	3/8/98	Hasting/Baker	HOME	10:00a.m.
Tues.	3/10/98	Mid-America Nazarene	Olathe, KS	1:00p.m.
Wed.	3/11/98	Ottawa University	HOME	1:00p.m.
Wed.	3/25/98	William Jewell College	Liberty, MO	2:00p.m.
Fri.	3/27	Missouri Baptist College	St. Louis, MO	1:00p.m.
Sat.	3/28/98	Central Methodist College	HOME	1:00p.m.
Sun.	3/29/98	Benedictine College	HOME	1:00p.m.
Tues.	3/31/98	Peru State College	Peru, NE	1:00p.m.
Thur.	4/2/98	Evangel College	Springfield, MO	1:00p.m.
Sat.	4/4/98	York College	HOME	1:00p.m.
Sun.	4/5/98	Kansas Newman College	Wichita, KS	1:00p.m.
Tues.	4/7/98	Rockhurst College(1-9)	HOME	3:00p.m.
Thur.	4/9/98	Bellevue University	Bellevue, NE	2:00p.m.
Fri.	4/10/98	York College	York, NE	2:00p.m.
Mon.	4/13/98	Peru State College	Peru, NE	2:00p.m.
Tues.	4/14/98	Rockhurst College	K.C., MO	4:00p.m.
Thurs.	4/16/98	Missouri Valley College	HOME	2:00p.m.
Sat.	4/18/98	College of the Ozarks	HOME	1:00p.m.
Sun.	4/19/98	Kansas Newman College	HOME	1:00p.m.
Mon.	4/20/98	Bellevue University	HOME	2:00p.m.
Tues.	4/21/98	Rockhurst College (1-9)	HOME	3:00p.m.
Fri.	4/24/98	Benedictine College	Atchison, KS	2:00p.m.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



David Weissman

Pitcher/Outfielder
Olathe, KS

At Hickman Mills High School, Weissman was All-Conference first Team for 1991-1993. At Hutchinson and Kansas City Kansas Community Colleges, he was on the Dean's List and received the Vice Presidents Award. Weissman is pursuing his degree in Business Marketing. David is the son of Larry Weissman and Debbie Taylon.

SEASON OUTLOOK

The 1997 baseball season was a disappointment compared to the preseason high expectations. However it is a huge statement about your program when you can go 37-22 and feel disappointed. Last year's team was inconsistent in their efforts. This may be a reflection of the teams ability to focus and concentrate on the programs goals. "You have to like what you are doing; your heart must be in it. Without enthusiasm you can't work up to your fullest ability. Because if you don't enjoy your endeavors, it is almost impossible to have enthusiasm for them," coach Huber said, "There is definitely a

renewed sense of enthusiasm about the program that was missing from last years team and I believe this is related to our nucleus returning intact, which pleases me."

The highlights of last season included the fast start, the improved discipline from the hitters, a pitching staff that kept the team in most games, and the playoff win against Rockhurst.

The lowlights were the inconsistency, lack of quality depth, lack of leadership among the players, and inconsistent defensive play.

Coach Huber believes the keys to success will be team unity for the

completion of a specific goal. To build an attitude of confidence so great that no matter what happens we will not waiver from our mission. The goals of this year's baseball team is to win at least 50 ball games, win sub-region, and regional tournaments. All these with the intention of winning the world series.

"As any coach should be, I am excited about this year," Huber said. "I feel good about our team and feel confident about the recruiting we did in the off season. Our hard work will be evident in our team this year."

BASEBALL

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Ryan Allenbrand
Pitcher
Olathe, KS

Allenbrand was on the Honor Roll and a three sport athlete while he attended DeSoto High School. He was on the baseball, basketball, and football teams, and he decided to play baseball while he attended Avila. He has been on the Dean's Honor Roll while in pursuit of a Chemistry Degree. During his sophomore year Allenbrand posted a 4-2 record on the mound with a 2.85 ERA. Ryan is the son of Curtis and Linda Allenbrand



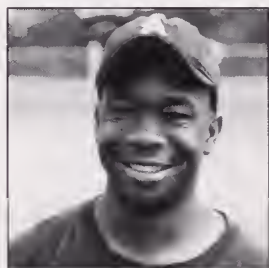
Robert Clifton
Pitcher
Blue Springs, MO

Clifton attends Avila while earning a degree in history with a minor in secondary education. Clifton transferred to Avila from Longview Community College where he was standout pitcher. Robert is the son of Mark Clifton and Lisa Shelton.



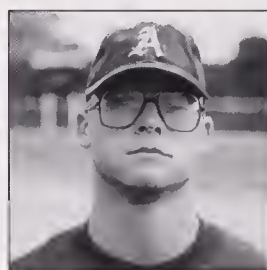
Ryan Howard
Infield
Denair, CA

Howard was All-League for two years, held the Northern California record for most RBI's in a game for high school, was in the All-Star game for two years, and led the district in hits and RBI's when he was a senior at Nughson High School. While attending a junior college, he received a Golden Glove award and Best Defensive Player award. He will completing his degree in history. Ryan is the son of Ricky and Debra Howard.



Christopher Ervin
Second Base
Kansas City, MO

While attending Raytown South, Ervin was named to the All-Conference teams and was on the Honor Roll. Ervin had a good junior year hitting a career high five home runs. He will be finishing up his degree in Marketing. Chris is the son of Gary and Lydia Ervin.



Dale Gilner
Outfielder
Overland Park, KS

Gilner came to Avila from Shawnee Mission West where he was a top performer on the baseball and football fields. Gilner has been know for his hard work and dedication for the good of the program ever since becoming an Eagle. Gilner is finishing up his degree in General Studies. Dale is the son of Robert and Jeannett Gilner.



Rashid Kahlil
Outfield
Kansas City, KS

Kahlil started his college baseball career at Kansas City Kansas Community College before transferring to Avila last year. He played his high school ball at F.L. Schlagle. Kahlil will be finishing up his degree in business administration this year.

BASEBALL



Avila College Baseball 1998

Back Row: (From Left) Jason Doebelin, Randy Timmerman, Ben Locke, Robbert McCord, David Sheller, Anthony Stein, Robert Huber, Rashid Khalil, Adam Shafer, Noah Amerson, Jeff Stimac, Brandon Clevenger, Brandon Weatherford, Lance Stewart, Kyle Henage, Chris Aulbur, Dave Weissman, Greg Oelrichs, Steve Donahue, Jason Beeding, Cale Wiehe

Middle Row: (From Left) Brian Mohr, Rob Meadows, Jason Buck, John Fry Jr., Doug Harris, Rob Clifton, Ryan Bradberry, Matt Gifford, Brian Tobler, Matt Kamphoefner, Brad McClintock, Patrick Cornejo, Ryan Allenbrand, Sean Russell, Bryce Yachaina, Dale Gilner, Kelly Hatfield, Brent Stansbury

Front Row: (From Left) Shawn Coultis, Joseph Maestes, Nick Hidake, Jason Day, Jeffrey Hunter, Nathan Banfield, Sohois Khiev, Dan Schneider, Jason Neland, Mike Straatmann, Chris Ervin, Joe Koup, Ryan Howard, Heang Khiev

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



David Sheller
First Base/DH
Shawnee, KS

Scheller was named Player of the Week in April of 1995. In 1996 Sheller finished the season with a .364 batting average. Last year, Sheller hit .439 seventh in conference, drove in 39 runs, and hit 6 homeruns. He is completing his degree in communication. David is the son of Jack and Dorothy Sheller.



Sean Russell
Pitcher
Overland Park, KS

During both high school (St. Thomas Aquinas) and at Avila, Russell has been on the honor rolls. Russell is majoring in Sociology. Russell posted a 4-1 record with a 2.76 ERA during his sophomore year. Sean is the son of Timothy and Kathleen Russell.

QUICK FACTS

Coach Huber's record at Avila College (172-113-2)

1997 statistical leaders returning:
Batting Average: David Sheller (.439)

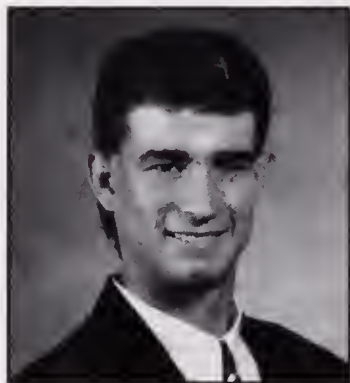
Hits: Mike Straatmann (60)
David Sheller (58)

Runs Batted In: Mike Straatmann (43) David Sheller (39)

Homeruns: David Sheller (6)
Chris Ervin (5) Jason Albright (5)

Pitching: Bob Huber (6-0, 3.76 ERA)

**CONGRATULATIONS
DAVID**



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Love,
Mom & Dad



This is dedicated to the one we love,

George Mallon #55

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The McCarty Family would like to thank Avila for giving Ginny the opportunity to participate in the Softball Program and English Honor Society.

It has been a positive learning experience for her.

We'd also like to thank the faculty and staff of Avila for providing a quality education which has been the foundation for her pursuit in teaching and writing.

Mom, Dad, Amy & Lady

Avila Baseball #8



Ryan,

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The Hall of Fame was established in 1983 to provide recognition for outstanding achievement by Avila College Student Athlete Alumni, Outstanding Athletic Teams, Coaches and Supporters of the program.

The selection process is by a committee that was established by the constitution and by-laws for the Avila College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Eligibility for teams shall be based on outstanding accomplishments beyond the conference and regional level, with those teams ranking among the nation's elite for that particular year. The team's accomplishment or contribution to a sport should have been of such high status that it was nationally recognized and brought distinct honor to Avila.

Background information on the nominees shall be compiled by the

local sports representative, the assistant athletic director for promotions, and the college's alumni director. The nominating individual should send two letters of recommendation (one from the nominating individual). Calls for Hall of Fame nominations appear in the Accent, the all sports guide, and the Eagle Club newsletter. Selection of a nominee shall require a minimum two-thirds vote, with at least three-fourths of the committee members present.

Nominee Qualifications

- **Athlete** — Minimum two-year letterwinner, graduate of Avila, five-year time lapse since the athlete participated in athletics at Avila.

- **Coach, Athletic Staff Member** — Must have been on staff for at least five years and must have a two-year time lapse since last employment to Avila College.

- **Honorary** — Must have made exceptional contributions to the athletic department.

To submit a nomination, write to:

Michael R. Crozier
Director of Athletics
Avila College
11901 Wornall
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levels that they have reached... cooperation, commitment and teamwork.

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As an alumnus or friend, we hope that you will consider enhancing the quality of opportunities for our student athletes. On these pages is information about the Eagle Club. Please consider becoming involved in our future by responding with a gift.

It is my hope that by attending our games, you too will see the immense (need something else here) development of our athletic programs and exciting opportunities for the future of our students.

Go Eagles!

Jim Huber, Jr. '93, '95
Assistant Director of Athletics

DANCE TEAM



Avila College Dance Team - 1997 Squad

Top Row: (From Left) Therese Cox and Teressa James

Middle Row: (From Left) Kelley Morris and Laurie Purk

First Row: (From Left) Michelle Lorhan, Hadith Zalzal, Katie Boyle, and Mindy Corder

Not Pictured: Brandi Klotz

EAGLE CLUB QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. What is the objective of The Eagle Club?

A. The Eagle Club is the name of the fund-raising and support organization for Avila College's athletic programs.

Q. What is the makeup of The Eagle Club?

A. The Club has its own officers and Board of Directors. The Eagle Club Board of Directors is an honorary board that serves Avila College, the Department of Athletics, and the Eagle Club membership. The Board is appointed following the completion of the Annual Fund Drive, and individuals serve for one year.

Q. How do I become a member?

A. To qualify for membership an individual must be responsible for a minimum of \$10.00 in gifts and pledges during the annual drive.

Q. How may an annual gift be made to the Eagle Club?

A. Annual gifts may be made at any time in the form of

cash or check donation made payable to Avila College Eagle Club.

Q. What about a Gift-in-Kind?

A. A Gift-in-Kind may be accepted which directly benefit athletics (with college approval). Examples include: contributions of certain personal property, assets, services, etc.

Q. Are there tax advantages?

A. Each member of the Eagle Club may be able to deduct from his/her income tax the amount of contribution that exceeds the value of the courtesies extended to you as a member.

Q. In what other way can I help Avila's athletic program?

A. Encourage your friends to join The Eagle Club at the same level as you.

THE COACH

He is called "coach." It is a difficult job, and there is no clear way to succeed in it. One cannot copy another who is a winner, for there seems to be some subtle, secret chemistry of personality that enables a person to lead successfully, and no one really knows what it is. Those who have succeeded and those who have failed represent all kinds — young and old, inexperienced and experienced, hard and soft, tough and gentle, good-natured and foul-tempered, proud and profane, articulate and inarticulate, even dedicated and casual. Most are dedicated, some more than others, but dedication alone is not enough. Some are smarter than others, but intelligence is not enough. All want to win, but some want to win more than others, and just wanting to win is not enough in any event. Even winning is often not enough. Losers

almost always get fired, but winners get fired, too.

He is out in the open being judged publicly almost every day or night for six, seven, or eight months a year by those who may or may not be qualified to judge him. And every victory and every defeat is recorded constantly in print or on the air and periodically totalled up.

They get victories, suffer defeats, endure criticism from within and without. They neglect their families, travel endlessly, and live alone in a spotlight surrounded by others. Theirs may be the worst profession — unreasonably demanding and insecure and full of unrelenting pressures. Why do they put up with it? Why do they do it? Having seen them hired and hailed as geniuses at gaudy party-like press conferences and having seen them fired with pat phrases such as

"fool" or "incompetent," I have wondered about them. Having seen them exultant in victory and depressed by defeat, I have sympathized with them. Having seen some broken by the job and others die from it, one is moved to admire them and to hope that someday the world will learn to understand them.

— Preface to Bill Libby's book,
"The Coach"

COACHING SUCCESS

Putting Principles to Practice
—Doug Hedrick

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Helpful



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